



Fish and Wildlife Commission

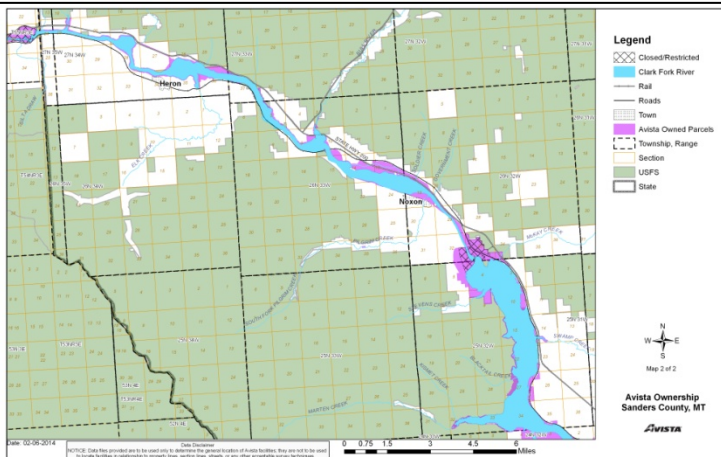
Avista Cooperative Recreation Management Area Public Use Special Regulations

BIENNIAL RULE

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission adopts the following rules and regulations to govern recreational use within the designated Avista Recreation Management Area in Sanders County for the purpose of gaining hunting access and recreational privileges on private land, to prevent vehicular damage to soils and vegetation, and to avoid excessive disturbance to native wildlife including threatened and endangered species.

This Rule is effective from _____ to _____.

The designated area of the Avista Cooperative Recreation Management Area is depicted in Figure 1 below:



*Property boundaries are approximate.
Detailed ownership information is available at
the Sanders County Courthouse in Thompson
Falls and the Avista Natural Resource Office in
Noxon, MT.*

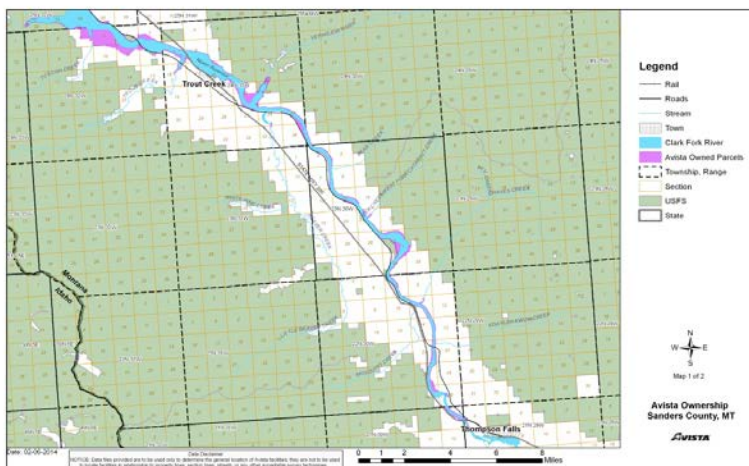


Figure 1. Avista Recreation Management Area Map.

Because the public enjoyment of the recreational facilities of these lands necessitates rules, regulations and enforcement, the provisions of 23-1-106 and 87-1-303 M.C.A. apply. It is therefore ordered that it shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Drive any motorized wheeled-vehicle in the above-described area except on established roads designated open for motorized travel, or in designated parking and camping areas as posted. Landowners and/or their designee in the course of administrative work, and federal, state, and county officials in the course of their official duties will be exempt from these vehicular restrictions.
2. Target shooting and discharge of firearms is prohibited on Avista lands in all posted safety zones and on lands from June 1 through August 31, annually.
3. Camping on Avista land is limited to 14 days during any 30-day period with a 30-day limit per year.
4. Camping is allowed on Avista lands unless otherwise posted as "Day Use Only."
5. No person may leave a campsite unattended overnight. Nightly occupancy is required.
6. No person may leave a fire unattended. Fires must be attended at all times.
7. No firewood cutting is allowed (use of dead and downed wood for onsite camping is permitted).
8. Fireworks are not permitted anywhere on Avista lands.

Right to Deny Access

Avista or the Department reserve the right to deny access to Avista lands for cause including, but not limited to: intoxication, violation of land use rules, or previous misconduct on Avista lands. Willful violation of Avista land use rules which set the terms of entrance on Avista lands can be grounds for termination of privileges to use Avista lands and a misdemeanor citation under MCA 87-6-201 - violation of commission or department order or rule. A person who purposely, knowingly, or negligently violates an order or rule of the commission or department can be fined up to \$500.

STATEMENT OF LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR THE RULE

Section 23-1-106, MCA and section 87-1-303, MCA gives the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission authority to adopt and enforce rules governing uses of lands that it operates under agreement with or in conjunction with a private owner.

This rule was adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission on _____, 2016.

Dan Vermillion
Chairman Fish and Wildlife Commission